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Crawford Legal Services™ Begins Trading Under New Alternative Business Structure Licence

LONDON (Oct. 10, 2016) – Crawford & Company® UK has announced that its application for an alternative business structure (ABS) licence has been granted.

The licence, awarded by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, allows Crawford Legal Services™ to practice and advise clients, paving the way for an integrated solution that combines a full range of legal services with the insurance claims and consultancy solutions of Crawford® UK and Broadspire® UK.

Crawford Legal Services, a Crawford UK subsidiary, was created in response to market demand for a more integrated claims and legal capability.

“Brokers, insurers and corporate clients from across Crawford & Company UK have frequently called for a more expansive claims solution that encompasses legal support at the appropriate stage,” said Jason Spencer, managing director of Crawford Legal Services. “We have spent a long time developing a sustainable business model, and we look forward to unveiling the Crawford Legal Services brand to the industry.

“We aim to offer a legal model with a difference. Our ABS structure, supported by the Crawford UK infrastructure, creates an unrivalled offering and commercial flexibility without losing the quality and value of an independent legal practice,” Spencer said.

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Clive Nicholls, Crawford CEO, UK & Ireland, added, “This is an exciting new chapter in the development of our business, afforded by legislation¹ that allows Crawford to own its own law firm. Our core legal services will span everything from litigation and technical support in handling niche, complex or high value claims, to all aspects of volume motor and transport claims, liability, and property claims.”

About Crawford®

Based in Atlanta, Ga., Crawford & Company (www.crawfordandcompany.com) is one of the world's largest independent providers of claims management solutions to the risk management and insurance industry as well as self-insured entities, with an expansive global network serving clients in more than 70 countries. The Crawford Solution™ offers comprehensive, integrated claims services, business process outsourcing and consulting services for major product lines including property and casualty claims management, workers compensation claims and medical management, and legal settlement administration. The Company's shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbols CRD-A and CRD-B.

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¹ The Legal Services Act 2007 allows non-lawyers to own and invest in law firms.